

MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF HAYS, KANSAS
HELD ON NOVEMBER 25, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Governing Body of the City of Hays met in regular session on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

Vice-Mayor Mellick declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

2. MINUTES: Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 13, 2008 be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Finance Director Kim Rupp reported investments on October 31, 2008 totaled \$39,200,000, which is a \$3,550,000 increase when compared to October 2007. The weighted average interest rate on the total investment portfolio as of October 31st is 2.64%. In October, the Finance/City Clerk's Office invested \$2,750,000 of maturing certificates of deposits with a weighed average interest rate of 2.65%. Sales tax collected in October for the General Fund totaled \$834,036, which was a decrease of \$7,257 when compared to 2007. To date, sales tax collections are up 7.70% compared to 2007.

Allan Lytton moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that the Financial Statement for the month of October 2008, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS: There were no comments.

5. CONSENT AGENDA: Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the appointment of Emery Jennings to an unexpired term on the Hays Area Planning Commission, to expire April 30, 2011, be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

NEW BUSINESS

6. HAYS SENIOR CENTER FUNDING REQUEST: Alice Herrman, Director of the Hays Senior Center, Mike Sack, vice-president of the Board of Directors, and Bill Moriarity, president of the Ellis County Council on Aging, addressed the Commissioners at the November 6, 2008 work session regarding the transition from the current facility at 204 East 8th Street to a new location on East Highway 40. An additional \$1,020 was requested of the City to cover rental expenses for 2009. Additionally, in December, during the transition period, the Senior Center would be paying rent at both places; therefore, they requested additional funding to cover that (\$2,300), bringing the total to \$4,340 or \$2,170 from both the City and the County.

Troy Hickman moved, Christopher Channell seconded, that a donation of \$2,170 to the Hays Senior Center for additional rental expenses for 2008 and 2009 be approved, to be paid out of the City Commission project fund line item.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

7. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (KDOT) FIVE-YEAR

PLAN: KDOT is asking cities to update their 5-year plans for State Fiscal Year 2009-2013. Staff proposed the submission of a project to reconstruct 41st Street from the US-183 Bypass to Hall Street. If approved by KDOT, the projects would be eligible for 80/20 cost share for participating items. The estimated project cost at this time is \$4.4 million with possible grant funding of \$3.1 million leaving a \$1.3 million City share.

Public Works Director Brenda Herrman stated 41st Street was constructed many years ago and was not constructed to handle the volume of traffic that it handles every day. The road has experienced a great deal of failure and has been patched and chip sealed; that procedure of surface treatment was only a band-aid. The existing road would change from a two-lane asphalt road to a three-lane concrete road with storm sewers, inlets and public sidewalks. She estimated that it would be 2012 or 2013 before the City would be in line to receive the funding.

Troy Hickman moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Request for Construction Projects to be submitted to KDOT for the Five-Year Plan.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

8. BUILDING PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT: Due to some errors associated with the current building permit fee schedule, the Building Trades Board and City staff recommended changes be made to the current table of fees.

Planning, Inspection, and Enforcement Superintendent Jesse Rohr stated the goal is not to raise fees; some permit fees will go down slightly and other permit fees will go up slightly. The new table will be more consistent.

Allan Lytton moved, Troy Hickman seconded, that the proposed changes to the current building permit fee schedule be approved.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

9. REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER: City Manager Toby Dougherty had no additional items to report on.

10. COMMISSION INQUIRIES AND COMMENTS: There were no inquiries or comments.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Christopher Channell moved, Allan Lytton seconded, that the Governing Body recess to executive session at 7:50 p.m. for 20 minutes to discuss contract negotiations, property acquisition, and attorney-client privileged information. The executive session included the City Commissioners, the City Manager, the Assistant City Manager, and the City Attorney. K.S.A. 25-4319 authorizes the use of executive session to discuss the topics stated in the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Ron Mellick
Christopher Channell
Allan Lytton
Troy Hickman

Vice-Mayor Mellick called the meeting back to order at 8:10 p.m. He stated no action was taken during executive session.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

City Clerk